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KINGTON RURAL DISTRICT

Herefordshire  
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Joint  
A N N U A L R E P O R T  
of the  
Medical Officer of Health  
and of the  
Public Health Inspector  
for the year 1963  
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(As at 31st December 1963)

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STATISTICS AND VITAL STATISTICS OF THE AREA

Area (in acres) .. .. .	..	..	..	..	44,472
Estimated mid-year home population .. .. .	..	..	..	..	4,400
Average number of persons per acre .. .. .	..	..	..	..	.10
Number of inhabited houses .. .. .	..	..	..	..	1,418
Average number of inhabited houses per acre .. .. .	..	..	..	..	.03
Average number of persons per house .. .. .	..	..	..	..	3.1
Rateable Value .. .. .	..	..	..	..	£80,744
Sum represented by a Penny Rate .. .. .	..	..	..	..	£307. 1.11d.

LIVE AND STILL BIRTHSLive Births

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	29	36	65
Illegitimate	5	1	6
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	34	37	71
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Live Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated mid-year home population:

Comparability factor: 1.19	1963	1962	1961	1960	1959
Kington R.D. (Crude) ..	16.1	15.6	16.0	14.4	13.0
" " (Adjusted) ..	19.1	20.0	18.4	16.6	14.9
England and Wales ..	18.2	18.0	17.4	17.1	16.5

Illegitimate Live Births

Per cent of total live births:

Kington R.D. ..	8.5
England and Wales ..	6.9

Still Births

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	-	-	-
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Still Birth Rate per 1,000 total live and still births:

	1963	1962	1961	1960	1959
Kington R.D. ..	Nil	Nil	53.3	14.5	31.2
England and Wales ..	17.2	18.1	19.1	19.8	21.0

INFANT DEATH RATESEarly Neonatal MortalityDeaths of Infants under 1 week old

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	1	1	2
Illegitimate	1	-	1

Early Neonatal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births:

Kington R.D.	..	42.3
England and Wales	..	12.1

Neonatal Mortality

Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks old

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	1	1	2
Illegitimate	1	-	1

Neonatal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births:

Kington R.D.	..	42.3
England and Wales	..	14.2

Perinatal Mortality

Still Births and Deaths of Infants under 1 week old

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	1	1	2
Illegitimate	1	-	1

Perinatal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live and still births:

Kington R.D.	..	42.3
England and Wales	..	29.3

Infant Mortality

Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	1	1	2
Illegitimate	1	-	1

Rate per 1,000 related live births:

	1963	1962	1961	1960	1959
Kington R.D.	(Total 42.3	14.5	14.1	29.4	Nil
	(Legitimate 30.8	Nil	14.3	31.9	Nil
	(Illegitimate 166.6	250.0	Nil	Nil	Nil
England & Wales	(Total 21.1	21.6	21.6	21.9	22.2
	(Legitimate 20.8	21.3	21.2	21.5	21.9
	(Illegitimate 26.0	27.2	25.3	26.4	27.4



MATERNAL MORTALITY

Total number of Maternal Deaths .. Nil

Maternal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live and still births:

Kington R.D. .. Nil  
 England and Wales .. 0.22

DEATHS

	Males	Females	Total		
Total number of deaths from all causes:	28	32	60		
Death Rate per 1,000 estimated mid-year home population:					
Comparability factor: 0.87	1963	1962	1961	1960	1959
Kington R.D. (Crude) ..	13.6	14.5	10.8	10.9	9.7
" " (Adjusted) ..	11.8	11.7	9.5	9.6	8.4
England and Wales ..	12.2	11.9	11.9	11.5	11.6

Cancer

	Males	Females	Total		
Total deaths from Malignant Disease:	4	9	13		
Cancer Death Rate per 1,000 estimated mid-year home population:					
	1963	1962	1961	1960	1959
Kington R.D. ..	2.95	3.17	1.58	2.10	1.05
England and Wales ..	2.17	2.18	2.15	2.16	2.14

Cardio-Vascular Disease

	Males	Females	Total		
Total deaths from Cardio-Vascular Disease:	16	17	33		
Cardio-Vascular Disease Death Rate per 1,000 estimated mid-year home population:					
	1963	1962	1961	1960	1959
Kington R.D. ..	7.50	6.35	6.31	5.03	6.30
England and Wales ..	5.22	6.14	6.10	6.00	5.88

Respiratory Disease (excluding Tuberculosis)

	Males	Females	Total		
Total deaths from Respiratory Disease:	5	3	8		
Respiratory Disease Death Rate per 1,000 estimated mid-year home population:					
	1963	1962	1961	1960	1959
Kington R.D. ..	1.82	2.72	1.13	1.68	1.05
England and Wales ..	1.71	1.57	1.60	1.26	1.53



CAUSES OF DEATH (all ages)

	Males	Females	Total
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	-	1	1
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	1	-	1
Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	1	1
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	2	2
Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasms	3	5	8
Vascular lesions of nervous system	3	6	9
Coronary disease, angina	8	7	15
Other heart disease	3	4	7
Other circulatory disease	2	-	2
Pneumonia	3	2	5
Bronchitis	2	1	3
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	-	1	1
Congenital malformations	-	1	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	2	-	2
Motor vehicle accidents	1	-	1
All other accidents	-	1	1
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TOTAL:	28	32	60
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NOTIFICATION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASEKington Rural District

Disease	1963	1962	1961	1960	1959
Whooping Cough	-	-	7	11	2
Measles	54	10	180	6	75
Scarlet Fever	6	2	1	-	4
Erysipelas	-	-	-	2	-
Acute Pneumonia	1	1	1	2	4
Dysentery	-	-	-	10	-
Tuberculosis:					
Pulmonary	2	3	-	-	-

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Whooping Cough	29	13	126	70	38
Measles	507	337	583	189	388
Scarlet Fever	12	9	11	23	46
Erysipelas	3	5	3	4	4
Acute Encephalitis:					
Infective	2	2	1	3	-
Post-Infectious	1	2	-	1	-
Acute Pneumonia	13	15	18	18	33
Dysentery	7	1	62	123	3
Food Poisoning	7	5	11	39	3
Paratyphoid Fever	2	1	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	1	1	-	-
Tuberculosis:					
Pulmonary	9	7	9	7	13
Non-Pulmonary	1	2	2	3	2
Malaria (Contracted abroad)	-	1	-	-	-

# INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED IN NORTH HEREFORDSHIRE DURING THE YEAR 1963

Disease	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	TOTAL
Whooping Cough	-	-	5	-	6	6	4	2	2	1	3	-	29
Measles	18	17	122	94	27	74	72	49	15	2	2	15	507
Scarlet Fever	-	1	2	3	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	3	12
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	3
Acute Encephalitis:													
Infective	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	2
Post-Infectious	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Acute Pneumonia	2	2	3	-	1	-	-	3	-	1	-	1	15
Dysentery	-	-	-	1	1	4	-	1	-	-	-	-	7
Food Poisoning	-	1	-	-	2	-	-	1	1	1	-	1	7
Paratyphoid Fever	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Tuberculosis:													
Pulmonary	2	-	2	1	-	-	2	-	1	1	-	-	9
Non-Pulmonary	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1

COMPARATIVE CASE RATES FOR CERTAIN INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Disease	North Here- fordshire	England & Wales
Whooping Cough	0.79	0.74
Measles	13.92	12.76
Scarlet Fever	0.33	0.37
Erysipelas	0.08	0.03
Acute Encephalitis:		
Infective	0.05	0.003
Post-Infectious	0.03	0.004
Acute Pneumonia	0.35	0.30
Dysentery	0.19	0.67
Food Poisoning	0.19	0.12
Paratyphoid Fever	0.05	0.007
Tuberculosis:		
Pulmonary	0.25	0.35
Non-Pulmonary	0.03	0.05
* Puerperal Pyrexia	1.65	7.44

\* per 1,000 total live and still births.

TUBERCULOSIS

	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	Males	Females	Males	Females
Number on Register at 31st December, 1962.	18	9	5	6
New cases notified	1	1	-	-
Recovered	1	-	-	-
Moved from district	2	3	-	1
Number on Register at 31st December, 1963.	16	7	5	5

TUBERCULOSIS (Continued)

Year	New Notifications	Total cases on Register	Deaths	Recoveries
1959	-	45	-	3
1960	1	41	-	2
1961	-	38	1	1
1962	3	38	-	3
1963	2	33	-	1

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948, Section 47  
NATIONAL ASSISTANCE (Amendment) ACT, 1951

No action needed to be taken under this section during the year.

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S SECTION OF REPORTWATER SUPPLIES

Conditions during the year were the same as for the previous twelve months. No progress with phase two of the district water scheme was made, and the parishes concerned were dependant on wells, springs and private estate supplies. With the assistance of the Water Board the problem of shortage were dealt with as they arose and no serious crisis developed.

Ten samples of water were taken for bacteriological examination during the year. Four were satisfactory and six were unsatisfactory. Advice as to measures to improve supplies were given where required.

Public Swimming Baths

There are no public swimming baths in the district.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

The three schemes awaiting decision relate to modernisation of works and treatment at the two existing works at Eardisley and Pembridge, and the proposed sewerage and relevant disposal works at Lyonshall. Further information in respect of these schemes was supplied to the Ministry during the year. With the advent of water mains in these parishes the urgency of these schemes is very apparent, and the problem of nuisances continue to increase.



REFUSE DISPOSAL

The work of refuse collection and disposal continued satisfactorily throughout the year. The quantity collected increases annually and the provision of suitable and sufficient tipping sites is creating a problem. At present four tips are in operation, but a fifth is still urgently needed. Crude tipping is employed but this is interfered with by unauthorised tipping of large objects such as car bodies and oil drums despite warning notices against such depositing.

During a four monthly period in the summer a twice monthly collection was instituted in place of the once monthly collection. This service was so appreciated and recognised as desirable that subsequently a permanent twice monthly collection was approved and is now in being.

RODENT CONTROL

Systematic survey and treatment, parish by parish, has been carried out, and rat infestation throughout the district has been kept under control. In addition to private and business property, the Council's sewers and disposal works, together with the refuse tips, received routine attention.

SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS

Council house repairs	..	..	..	156
Housing Acts	..	..	..	91
Nuisances and complaints	..	..	..	14
Building Byelaws	..	..	..	192
Water supplies (general)	..	..	..	25
Milk and Dairies Regulations	..	..	..	3
Food Premises	..	..	..	202
Disinfection following infectious disease	..	..	..	-
Disinfestation of verminous premises	..	..	..	-
Refuse disposal	..	..	..	76
Sewerage	..	..	..	148
Hergest Camp	..	..	..	76
Miscellaneous	..	..	..	11
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NOTICES ISSUED

Informal	..	..	..	3
Statutory	..	..	..	-
Complied with	..	..	..	3



HOUSING

A tender for the erection of four bungalows for elderly persons was accepted and work started during the year.

Three houses were completed by private enterprise and four others were under construction at the end of the year.

Three applications for Discretionary Grants towards the cost of improvements to private dwellings were received and approved during the year. Eleven applications for Standard Grants were also received and approved, the total grants approved amounting to £2,590. The general trend of improvements to private property in the district was therefore well maintained.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Two private slaughterhouses are licensed in the district, the one at Eardisley being replaced early in the year by a new building of modern design. Routine visits were made on all occasions of slaughtering which increased considerably during the year, the number of carcasses inspected being as follows:

Cattle	..	204
Sheep	..	1264
Pigs	..	362

The quantity of meat rejected as unfit for consumption was relatively slight, consisting of the following:

One carcase of pig,  
five carcases of sheep,  
159 lb. offal.

This reflects the very high quality meat which is available for sale in the district.

Thirty visits were made to other food premises where conditions generally were satisfactory, due consideration being given to the age of the buildings concerned and the availability or otherwise of essential services. Food Premises are summarised as follows:

General shops	12
Butchers shops	2
Bakeries ..	2
Cafes ..	-
Public Houses	14

Number of premises registered under Section 14 of the Food and Drugs Act: 11.

Food Hygiene Regulations

No prosecutions were taken under these regulations.

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(1) Factories in which Sections 1, 2,3,4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority	11	11	-	-
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Sec.7 is enforced by L.A.	2	6	-	-
(3) Other premises in which Sec.7 is enforced by the L.A. (Excluding out-workers' premises)	4	8	-	-
TOTAL	17	25	-	-

## Cases in which defects were found:

	<u>Found</u>	<u>Remedied</u>
Want of cleanliness ..	2	2
Insufficient sanitary conveniences	1	1



